

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (Previously Canceled)

Claims 7, 8 and 17-19. (Canceled)

20. (Newly Presented) A protective undergarment, comprising a first part and second part attachable to and detachable from the first part:

the first part comprising an outer layer and an anchor layer;  
the outer layer comprising a fabric layer shaped to conform to a buttock and leg region of a user;

the anchor layer comprising a fabric layer stitched to the outer layer and having a shape conforming to that of the outer layer, the anchor layer and the outer layer comprising separate fabrics; and

the second part comprising a pocketed sling forming a pocket for retaining a fluid absorbent pad, the pocketed sling being detachably coupleable to the anchor layer but not attachable directly to the outer layer, wherein when second part is attached to the first part, the pocketed sling is displaced inwardly toward a center of the anchor layer and inwardly from stitches joining the anchor layer and the outer layer, the pocketed sling extending from the anchor layer on the inner side of the undergarment when the undergarment is worn with the pocket facing inwardly away from the anchor layer;

wherein the pocketed sling is attachable to and detachable from the anchor layer by releasable fasteners on the pocketed sling and the anchor layer with the outer layer overlying fasteners on the anchor layer.

21. The protective undergarment as in claim 20, wherein the releasable fasteners comprise filamentary fasteners

22. The protective undergarment as in claim 20 wherein the releasable fasteners comprise snap fasteners.

23. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein cooperable releasable fasteners are located on both the pocketed sling and the anchor layer.
24. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the releasable fasteners on the anchor layer are located only adjacent opposite ends of the pocketed sling.
25. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein releasable fasteners on the anchor layer are located between opposite ends of the pocketed sling.
26. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer adjacent opposite ends of the outer layer.
27. The protective undergarment of claim 26 wherein the pocketed sling is attached to the anchor layer adjacent to, but spaced from the opposite ends of the outer layer where the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer.
28. The protective undergarment of claim 28 wherein the pocketed sling is attached to the anchor layer by fasteners adjacent front and rear ends of the pocketed sling.
29. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer only adjacent peripheral edges of the anchor layer and the outer layer.
30. The protective undergarment of claim 29 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer around the entire periphery of the anchor layer.
31. The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the pocketed sling is attached to the anchor layer inwardly from peripheral edges of the outer layer.
32. A protective undergarment, comprising:
  - an outer layer of fluid-resistant material shaped to conform to a buttock and a leg region of a user;
  - an anchor layer of fluid absorbent material secured to the outer layer and having a shape generally conforming to that of the outer layer; and
  - an inner layer of fluid-resistant material with four sides, the inner layer being detachably coupleable directly to the anchor layer adjacent front and rear sides of the inner layer but not attachable to the outer layer, the four sides thereof being displaced inwardly from corresponding sides toward a center of the anchor layer, and the inner layer at all four sides thereof extending from where stitched to the anchor layer to respective free edges on the inner side of the undergarment when the undergarment is worn, to form a pocket.

33. The protective undergarment of claim 32 wherein releasable fasteners are attached to the anchor layer and to the inner layer.